

TO: Sex Offender Management Board

FROM: Funding Committee

RE: Telephone Meeting of March 14, 2011

DATE: March 16, 2010

Doctor Michael Bednarz and I met as the Funding Committee by telephone call on March 14, 2011. At the time of the meeting, we were the only two members. We hope for additional volunteers for this Committee.

We believe that the first step for our Committee is to ask the Board to prioritize what the Board wishes to accomplish. The Board has spoken about reports that should be filed with the legislature. Board members also have discussed the credentialing of treatment providers and maintaining -- or improving or abandoning -- that process. At times, perhaps not recently, the Board also has addressed seeking an executive director (who would handle the day-to-day business of the Board, become involved in credentialing, and perhaps begin work on Board reports). The Funding Committee believes that it would be helpful to know what the Board considers the top priority; funding decisions can follow after that.

As to funding, Dr. Bednarz and I discussed possible sources. Obviously, we can attempt to approach the legislature with a request for funds for an executive director, for a temporary contract to prepare reports, or for a contract to start work on the credentialing process. We also could seek public or private grants, especially for a project such as improving the credentialing process. As another, perhaps more unlikely possibility, we could attempt to secure corporate grants or sponsorships.

Doctor Bednarz and I also discussed two other topics. The Board currently receives limited funds from sex-offender registration. The Board has noted that it could more aggressively seek those funds, through letters to registering agencies or the like. Extra efforts to secure those funds might result in additional money for projects such as awarding contracts to prepare reports or improve credentialing.

The Board also may wish to consider approaching the legislature about creating a fine to be used for funding the Board. There has been some question in the past about having a fine applicable to all cases or even to sex-offense cases where the proceeds were directed to a single entity. That question needs to be explored, in the Funding Committee's judgment, and a decision made as to the possibility of a S.O.M.B.-designated fine enacted by the legislature.

The Funding Committee will meet again at some point after the next Board meeting.

Submitted by: Verlin Mainz

Review of Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2011

At the regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board held March 17, 2011, a motion was made by Tracie Newton and seconded by Dr. Abdi Tinwalla to approve the March 14, 2011 meeting minutes of the Funding Committee. All Board members present approved the motion.